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COOPER JURY RETURN VERDICT

SENTENCE COLONEL COOPER AND SON ROBIN TO TWENTY YEARS IMPRISONMENT

Has Been One of the Most Remarkable Murder Cases in the History of the South.

(By Associated Press.)

NASHVILLE, March 20.—The jury in the Cooper case returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree and the court immediately sentenced Colonel Duncan Cooper and his son Robin Cooper to serve 20 years in the State Penitentiary for the killing of Senator Carmack. The jury fixed the imprisonment. The case will be appealed, as when the jury returned the verdict acquitting Sharp on the same charge, the foreman announced they were unable to agree on the Coopers. The decision was reached last night but Judge Hart would not convene court until the regular hour this morning. Both were released on \$25,000 bail which was set for each case.

The Cooper-Sharp trial, just completed, has been one of the most remarkable murder cases in the history of the south, not only because of the prominence of the principals in the tragedy, but because of the reasons that led to the killing.

Colonel Duncan B. Cooper, a former officer in the confederate army under Forrest and a man very prominent in Democratic state politics, once lived at Columbia, Tennessee. In that town also resided Edward W. Carmack, a young lawyer, who also did some newspaper work. Cooper bought the Nashville American and induced Carmack to come to Nashville as its editor. Whether the men ever were in thorough accord, is a disputed point. Carmack's friends say not. Colonel Cooper swore on the stand that they were close friends until Governor Taylor opposed Carmack for re-election to the senate. This fight was long and bitter. A feature of it was a series of joint debates, and Carmack lost. Cooper supported Taylor, but Robin, the boy who killed the senator, supported the latter.

Malcolm R. Patterson was governor of the state at the time of the Carmack-Taylor fight, and he announced his candidacy for re-election. Carmack, just beaten for the senate, was urged into the race for governor against Patterson. This was last June and the fight between the men for the Democratic nomination was the most spectacular ever seen in Tennessee. Again, joint debates were arranged and again the feeling between the factions grew very bitter. In these debates, Cooper charged that Carmack assailed the colonel's good name. Cooper was an ardent Patterson man—the governor on the stand described him as "my closest personal and political adviser." Again, Carmack lost, and, a month before the election, became the editor of the Nashville Tennessean. He had made the race on the prohibition platform, and while he did not get the nomination, he did secure enough representatives to assure the passage of the so-called state wide liquor bill.

In the meantime, Governor Patterson and former Governor Cox, once deadly enemies, were reconciled. The Tennessean charged that Colonel Cooper brought this reconciliation about, and referred to it in a humorous and sarcastic vein in its editorial columns. Carmack also intimated that, to save Governor Patterson, the Democratic leaders were preparing to trade Bryan for the governorship. Colonel Cooper was chafing under the comment, and becoming more incensed every day. On Sunday, November 8, the day before the killing, the following editorial appeared in the Tennessean:

"ACROSS THE MUDDY CHASM. 'We trust there will be no unseemly rivalry on the part of the base vulgar concerning the happy reunion of long sundered hearts which was accomplished in the joyous reconciliation of his excellency, Hon. M. R. Patterson and his excellency,

Hon. John Isaac Cox. All honor to that noble spirit, Major Duncan Brown Cooper who wrought this happy reunion of congenial and confusable spirits separated by evil fates although both for each other. All honor to Major Duncan and may the blessing of the Peacemaker be upon him. May he be heir to all the beatitudes, and especially to the blessing reserved for those who hunger and thirst after righteousness. And there goes also a blessing to his excellency—for as he has been merciful to Cox, so shall he obtain mercy.

"But the choicest blessings as is right and proper, are for Governor Cox himself. For if there be any reward for meekness, and for enduring persecution for righteousness sake, he shall inherit the earth and his is the kingdom of heaven. Yet such is the meanness of his spirit that we doubt not that Governor Cox would be entirely comforted with the meek man's reward.

"If we pause here briefly to review the unhappy differences that have armed these valiant souls against each other, it is for no purpose of renewing the strife, but rather of emphasizing by contrast the felicity of the present situation. It will serve also, to bring out in bold relief the gracious spirit which enables Governor Patterson to condescend to men of low estate, lift up where he has trampled down and lay a poultice of warm words upon the reputation he has so fearfully bruised. It will teach also those who most unjustly have regarded Governor Cox as a man of proud and haughty spirit, that he is in fact a man of 'modest stillness and humility,' one who can forget injuries the most grievous, forgive insults the most flagrant, endure every assault upon his honor and good name without resentment, and, in general, humble himself that he may be exalted. It will also show that no one can ever sin away his day of grace with the present all merciful machine; that no man can ever become so vile, so degraded, so corrupt in its estimation that it is not ready to raise him up and load him with dignity and honors if he only will give up everything and serve it with fidelity and singleness of heart.

"It will be remembered that Governor Patterson professed to have only one great motive in seeking the office of governor—the wholly patriotic and unselfish desire to purge the state of the shame and infamy brought upon it by Cox and the Cox machine. He openly declared that he would rather some other than he had the task and the honor, but his soul would not consent that such a man as Cox should be the governor of Tennessee. He charged that Cox had degraded and debauched the politics of the state; he represented him as the plant tool of the saloon and the corporation; he charged that he was Democrat only in name, a Republican in fact; he called him a

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ARRESTED FOR MAKING THREATS AGAINST COURT

(By Associated Press.)

SAN RAFAEL, March 20.—Joe Morris, an Italian laborer, was arrested here today for making threats against the lives of Judge Thomas, District Attorney Thomas Boyd and Sheriff Taylor in connection with the trial of Giuseppe Pia, who was convicted of assault on Miss Grapes. Morris was profane on the witness stand and was severely rebuked by Judge Lennon. He threatened to get the judge and other officers of the court.

U. S. SHIPS WILL BE USED TO KEEP PEACE

(By Associated Press.)

VALLEJO, March 20.—The flying squadron, composed of the New Orleans, Petrel and Cincinnati, which have been rendezvousing at Mare Island, will keep peace in Central American waters. The destroyer Farragut has been released from dry dock and is under orders to proceed at full speed to Magdalena bay.

PARIS STRIKE SITUATION IS IMPROVING

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, March 20.—The government issued a statement tonight saying the situation was notably improved. Some of the strikers, notably the telephone girls, are returning to work. There are disquieting rumors that railroad and other co-operative strikes may prevail. It is indicated that with the securing of the endorsement from the chamber of deputies the government is no longer inclined to shoulder the unpopularity of Secretary Simyan.

EXPLOSION IN INDIANA MINE KILLS FIVE

(By Associated Press.)

EVANSVILLE (Ind.), March 20. Five people were killed, a score injured and many overcome by a gas explosion in the Sunnyside mine here this afternoon, due to a windy shot caused by an overcharge of powder. Twenty-nine men were in the mine at the time. Many of the rescuers were almost suffocated.

SECRET INDICTMENT REMAINS A MYSTERY

Identity of the Person Indicted by Los Angeles Special Grand Jury Has Not Been Disclosed.

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, March 20.—No arrests were made today as a result of the indictment found by the grand jury yesterday in their investigation of the administration of former Mayor Harper. The sheriff's office maintains the indicted man cannot be found. Detective Brown reported from Tia Juana that Nick Oswald, the alleged "king of the tenderloin," was not there. The fact that no arrests have been made leads to the

belief that the indictment was returned against two city officials, who resigned while under fire a short time ago. It is the belief that the arrest is held up until Oswald is brought back. A second injunction to restrain the auditor from printing an ordinance calling for a recall election was entered today. Former Mayor Harper and former Board of Public Works Commissioner Kern will refuse to testify before the special grand jury on the advice of their attorneys.

CALIFORNIA IN SEVERE GRIP OF STORM

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—The whole central and northern part of the state is in the grip of a severe storm accompanied by a bitter cold rain and electrical storms. Snow is falling in the mountains. An unusual phenomena attended the storm in this city. A single flash of lightning splintered a flagstaff on the ten-story building of the telephone company and caused some alarm.

UNCLE SAM MAY INTERFERE.

(By Associated Press.)

VALLEJO, March 20.—It is rumored that a number of small war vessels concentrated here will be used to keep peace in Central America.

STORY OF ABDUCTORS ARREST IS UNTRUE

(By Associated Press.)

SHARON (Pa.), March 20.—James S. Whittie, the father of the kidnapped child, Willie Whittie, said tonight that there were no new developments in the search. Frank H. Buhl, the millionaire uncle of the boy, returned late today from Cleveland with the story that the reported arrest of the abductors there is untrue.

NEVADA CO-EDS LOSE.

(By Associated Press.)

RENO, March 20.—The basketball game here today resulted in a victory for the Chico normal school over the Nevada university by a score of 12 to 6.

CUBAN TARIFF CLAUSE MAY BE RESCINDED

Does Not Appeal to Foreign Countries as it Makes Cuba a Preferred Nation—May Not Recognize Peculiar Conditions Between Cuba and the United States.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 20.—That the Payne tariff bill would cause a great international tariff because of the section continuing the operation of the Cuban reciprocity treaty is one argument made against the measure. It is urged that all foreign countries will maintain that a reciprocity provision is a most favored nation clause, and will refuse to enter into any other tariff agreement. The subcommittee that drafted the bill considered the possibility of objection, and allowed the provision to stand on the assumption that other countries would make allowances owing to the peculiar relations between Cuba and the United States. The maximum provisions of the Payne bill are so framed that practically every European country will be compelled to seek our minimum duties in time.

MEMORY OF ROOSEVELT AT FAULT

(By Associated Press.)

OYSTER BAY, March 20.—"We are caught, not in falsehood, but in forgetfulness," Mr. Roosevelt told Secretary Loeb today in discussing a deposition suit against a photographer to recover damages from the Town Topic Publishing company for the publication of three pictures that ex-President Roosevelt did not recall giving permission to publish the pictures until the letter from his secretary was shown to him authorizing the publication.

MANS THIRST NOT REGULATED BY TOWNS SIZE

(By Associated Press.)

OLYMPIA (Wash.), March 20.—"A man's thirst is not regulated to the size of the town which he happens to be Sundaying," says Acting Governor Hoy in vetoing the bill authorizing the issuance of liquor licenses to hotels of more than fifty rooms in first class cities to serve liquor with meals on Sunday. The governor expresses his view that the bill discriminates between cities and classes.

NO PROVISION MADE FOR PAYING OFFICERS

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The president is hampered by the fact that the Foraker act providing for the re-enlistment of colored soldiers who were discharged on account of the Brownsville affair, makes no provision for the expenses connected with the investigation. He will ask congress to grant full pay to the retired officers who will serve on the inquiry board.

MODJESKA IMPROVING.

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, March 20.—Mme. Modjeska is reported much better and is now believed to be out of all immediate danger.

MOTHER FINDS DEAD BODY OF DAUGHTER

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—Seven-year-old Lena Muzio was found dead today in the vacant cellar of a house near the home of her parents a few hours after she had left with her small brother. A rag was tied around her throat so tightly as to leave a red mark and caused a suspicion of murder, but an autopsy revealed that death was due to bronchial pneumonia. The three-year-old brother tried to tell that his sister was in trouble, and a search by the mother revealed the body.

CHANGES MADE IN THE EMBASSY SERVICE

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 20.—After a conference between President Taft and Secretary of State Knox the following changes in the diplomatic service were announced: Ambassador Lelshman from Constantinople to Rome; Charles H. Sherril of New York, appointed minister to Argentina; Henry C. Ide will be minister to Spain. It is officially announced that O'Brien remains at Tokio. There will be no further changes in the embassies for several months, and probably not until autumn.

SNOWSTORM VISITS SUNNY CALIFORNIA

GRASS VALLEY, March 20.—An unusual snow storm for this time of the year has visited Nevada county. The fall of snow in the mountains is reported as very heavy.

THE MARKET.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, March 20.—Silver, 50.75; lead, 3.975 @ 4.025; copper, 12.50 @ 12.75; bonds were irregular.

CITY IN DARKNESS.

Tonopah was in darkness for an hour this morning. The electric line was struck by lightning in the White Mountains about 1 o'clock this morning, putting the line out of commission for an hour. The Bonanza's auxiliary plant was soon in operation and the paper appears at the usual hour.